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Page 10. P. J. Robidoux, \$2; C. C. Morris, \$2; Ruth Renshow 20 cents, for publishing Minutes.

Page 14. Resolutions of Thanks to the Pastor at Jennings was accidentally omitted.

Page 17. In report of Freedmen's Aid, for 1896, read 1869.

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Conference Roll.

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James, J. T., Provencal, La.	Woodson, Julian, Atlanta, Tex.
King, C. A., Lake Charles, La.	Wyche, J. L., Beaumont, Tex.
Lively, J. W., Marshall, Tex.	Wilson, Thomas, Beaumont, Tex.

SECOND YEAR CLASS.

Sayers, N. L., Knowlton, La. Pegram, Geo. A., Hammond, La.

FIRST YEAR CLASS.

Christian, James A., Pineville, La.	McCain, H. H., St. Maurice, La.
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Harrison, Walter E., Overton, Tex.	Vital, Gactano, New Orleans, La.

Conference Boards.

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To Preach the Missionary Sermon.—Geo. A. Pegram.

Conference Committees.

- MISSIONS.—W. H. Curtis, C. C. Morris.
 CHURCH EXTENSION.—C. W. Campbell, C. E. Mock, G. A. Pegram.
 SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—E. L. Wells, N. L. Sayers, W. B. Van Valkenburgh.
 STATE OF CHURCH.—The Presiding Elders and John Paul.
 FREEDMAN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.—J. T. James, W. H. Curtis, C. C. Morris.
 SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION AND TRACTS.—P. J. Robidoux, N. L. Sayers, E. L. Wells.
 AUDITING ACCOUNTS.—P. J. Robidoux, G. B. Hines.
 EDUCATION.—Geo. A. Pegram, J. A. Christian, J. T. James.
 TEMPERANCE.—C. W. Campbell, F. D. Van Valkenburgh.
 EPWORTH LEAGUE.—C. C. Morris, W. H. Curtis.
 PERIODICALS.—C. A. King, John Paul.
 PUBLISHERS OF THE MINUTES.—The Secretaries.
 PUBLIC WORSHIP.—Presiding Elders, C. A. King, F. D. Van Valkenburgh.
 MEMOIRS.—F. D. Van Valkenburgh, C. E. Mock, J. G. Campbell.

Afternoon and Evening Services.

Wednesday 7:30 p. m.—Addresses of welcome were made by the pastor and others, responded to by Bishop Warren and others.

Thursday 3:30 p. m.—Rev. C. H. Ellis, of Mississippi, preached from Luke 11:13.

Thursday 7:30.—Rev. Wm. R. Chase, of New Orleans, preached from Acts 3:8.

Friday 3 p. m.—The annual missionary sermon preached by Rev. C. W. Campbell, from Matt. 28:18-20.

Friday 7:30 p. m.—Bishop H. W. Warren made a missionary address.

Saturday 3 p. m.—The Woman's Home Missionary Society met. Addresses were made by the Conference Secretary, Miss Ella E. Johnson, of Marshall, Tex.; Miss Eliza Page, Superintendent of the Italian Mission, New Orleans, and Rev. Wm. R. Chase.

Saturday 7:30 p. m.—Sermon by John Paul.

Sunday 3 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. W. H. Curtis.

Sunday 7:30 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. Geo. A. Pegram.

Appointments.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT.

J. G. Campbell, 2, P. E., P. O. Lake Charles, La.

Crowley.....	To be supplied	Ebenezer	F. D. Valkenburgh 1
French Mission.....	P. J. Robidoux 9	Gueydan & Midland..	To be supplied
Iowa & Fenton.....	To be supplied	Jennings	M. C. Hickman 1
Laporte & Texas City..	To be supplied	Lake Charles.....	C. C. Morris 2
Oberlin.....	To be supplied	Port Arthur.....	To be supplied
Raymond	E. L. Wells 2	Welsh.....	C. W. Campbell 1
C. A. King..	.....	Financial Agent, Alvin College.	

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Wm. R. Chase, 2, P. E., 1537 Calliope St., New Orleans, La.

Hammond.....	G. A. Pegram 2	N. O. St. Charles Ave	Wm. R. Chase
Lutcher Circuit.....	J. W. Tinnin 1	N. O. First Italian..	Gaetano Vital 1
Plaquemine Bayou and Levonice..	N. L. Sayers 2		

MARSHALL AND RED RIVER DISTRICT.

J. W. Lively, 4, P. E., P. O. Marshall, Tex.

Angelina.....	To be supplied	Athens.....	To be supplied
Autburn (Miss.) & Smithdale, J. Paul 1		Atlanta & Bevins.....	J. Woodson 2
Beulah (La.) & Red River..	To be sup.	Clayton(Tex.)& Beckville, To be sup.	
Emory (Tex.).....	To be supplied	Hortense (Tex.).....	To be supplied
Hughes Springs, Tex...(E. Carruth 1)		Marshall, Tex.....	G. B. Hines 3
Jackson Circuit.....	W. H. Curtis 1	Pineville & Poland, La., J. A. Christian 2	
Noonday & Overton W. E. Harrison 1		Shelbyville, Tex.....	To be supplied
Provencal, La.....	J. T. James 1	State Line.....	To be supplied
St. Maurice	H. H. McCain 3	West Harrison...	To be supplied
Vivian.....	To be supplied	Woodville.....	C. E. Mock 2
Winnsboro.....	To be supplied		
H. G. Scuddy,.....	.....	Conference Evangelist.	

Disciplinary Questions.

1.—Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conferences?

M. C. Hickman, from Wisconsin Conference; C. C. Morris, from Blue Ridge Conference.

2.—Who have been received on credentials, and from what Churches?

J. W. Tinnin, from Methodist Protestant Church.

4.—Who have been received on trial?

Walter E. Harrison, Gaetano Vital, James A. Christian.

5.—Who have been continued on trial?

(a) In studies of first year, H. H. McCain, W. H. Curtis, H. G. Scuddy.

(b) In studies of second year, N. L. Sayers, Geo. A. Pegram.

6.—Who have been discontinued?

E. L. Ashmore, Lastie Hoffpauir.

7.—Who have been admitted into full membership?

(b) Elected and ordained deacons previously, John Paul, Chas. E. Mock.

8.—What members are in studies of third year?

(b) Admitted into full membership previously, George B. Hines.

10.—What members have completed the Conference course of study?

(a) Elected and ordained elder this year, Chas. E. Morris.

11.—What others have been elected and ordained deacons?

(a) As local preachers, Abel Hoffpauir, Gaetano Vital.

13.—Was the character of each preacher examined?

Yes.

14.—Who have been transferred, and to what conferences?

L. W. Elkins to Arkansas, Chas. K. Woodson to Austin.

18.—Who have withdrawn?

H. O. Moore.

21.—What other personal notation should be made?

The orders of W. B. Van Valkenburgh, as deacon and elder, were recognized.

22.—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

P. C. Chaney, J. Woodson, Thomas Wilson.

24.—Who are the Triers of Appeals?

C. A. King, J. W. Lively, J. W. Tinnin, J. G. Campbell, F. D. Van Valkenburgh, C. C. Morris, J. T. James.

25.—What is the Statistical Report for this year?

See report.

26.—What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?

\$892.

27.—What are the claims on the Conference Fund?

\$50.

28.—What has been received on these Claims, and how has it been applied?

\$50. Applied under order of the Conference.

29.—Where are the Preachers stationed?

See Appointments.

30.—Where shall the next Conference be held?

Lake Charles, La.

Journal.

FIRST DAY, THURSDAY.

JENNINGS, LA., Jan. 17, 1901.

FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION.—The Gulf Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in its Fifth Annual Session in the M. E. Church, of Jennings, La., Jan., 17, 1901, Bishop H. W. Warren, D.D., LL.D., presiding.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.—The Bishop read a part of the 11th and 12th chapters of Second Corinthians; made appropriate remarks; hymn 798 was sung, and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered.

ROLL CALL.—The secretary of the last session being absent, the roll was called by C. W. Campbell, the following answering to their names: C. W. Campbell, J. G. Campbell, Wm. R. Chase, J. T. James, J. W. Lively, C. C. Morris, P. J. Robidoux, F. D. Van Valkenburgh, E. L. Wells. In class of second year: C. E. Mock, J. H. Paul. In class of first year: W. H. Curtis, N. L. Sayers, and Geo. A. Pegram.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—C. W. Campbell was nominated for secretary by J. W. Lively, and John Paul by F. D. Van Valkenburgh. Ballot was taken, the former was elected, choosing C. C. Morris as assistant. On motion of J. W. Lively, John Paul was elected Statistical Secretary, with J. A. Christian as assistant. P. J. Robidoux was elected Treasurer, with E. L. Wells assistant.

COMMITTEES.—The usual committees were appointed on nomination of the Presiding Elders. (See list.)

INTRODUCTIONS.—Mr. H. H. Ahrens correspondent of the New Orleans Picayune, Wm. R. Chase, Geo. A. Pegram, Gaetano Vital, W. H. Curtis, transfers by action of the General Conference; C. C. Morris transferred from Blue Ridge Conference, were introduced.

THIRTEENTH QUESTION.—J. G. Campbell, Presiding Elder Lake Charles District, was called, his character passed, and he reported his district. J. W. Lively, Presiding Elder of Marshall and Red River District, was called, his character passed, and he reported his district. Wm. R. Chase, Presiding Elder of New Orleans District, was called, his character passed, and he reported his district. J. L. Wyche was reported as not having done any work. C. W. Campbell, P. J. Robidoux, F. D. Van Valkenburgh and Thomas Wilson were called, their characters passed, and they reported their work.

Adjourned.

SECOND DAY, FRIDAY.

JENNINGS, LA., Jan. 18, 1901.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.—Devotional exercises were conducted by the Bishop; reading part of Psalm 31; singing hymn 679, after which he gave a happy explanation of several passages of scripture.

JOURNAL APPROVED.—Yesterday's Journal was read, corrected and approved.

INTRODUCTIONS.—The following were introduced: J. W. Tinnin, of the Methodist Protestant Church; Rev. C. H. Ellis and E. Carruth, of Mississippi; P. A. Drown, Central Ohio Conference.

THIRTEENTH QUESTION.—The thirteenth question was resumed. E. L. Wells, C. A. King, J. Woodson, J. T. James and H. O. Moore were called, their character passed and their work reported.

COMMITTEE.—On motion of C. A. King a committee on Conference Relations was ordered.

REPORTS.—J. F. Ross reported the Gueydan work.

C. E. Mock called, character passed and he reported his work.

G. B. Hines called, character passed, his work reported by his P. E., and he continued in studies of third year.

CLASS OF FIRST YEAR.—N. L. Sayers was called, character passed, and on motion of J. W. Lively, he was excused from studies of second year.

H. H. McCain was called, his character passed, and on motion of J. W. Lively, he was continued in studies of first year.

H. G. Scuddy was called, character passed, and on motion of J. W. Lively, he was continued as Conference Evangelist, and requested to labor within the bounds of his own Conference.

DISCONTINUED.—E. L. Ashmore was discontinued, on motion of J. G. Campbell.

W. H. Curtis was called, his character passed, and on motion of Wm. R. Chase was continued in studies of first year.

Geo. A. Pegram was called, his character passed, his work reported, and he passed to studies of second year.

BOOK CONCERN.—Wm. R. Chase represented the Book Concern at New Orleans, requesting our patronage.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Mrs. Kate Wilkins, Superintendent Sabbath Observances of W. C. T. U., of Jennings; Miss Eliza Page, Superintendent of the Italian Mission, for W. H. M. S., in New Orleans, and Miss Ella E. Johnson, of

Marshall, Tex., Conference Secretary for W. H. M. S., were introduced to the Conference.

Conference adjourned by expiration of time with benediction by Bishop Warren.

THIRD DAY, SATURDAY.

JENNINGS, LA., Jan. 19, 1901.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.—Bishop Warren conducted the devotional exercises and continued his helpful remarks on passages of the Bible.

JOURNAL APPROVED.—The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

ELDER'S ORDERS.—Charles C. Morris was called, his character passed, work reported, examinations reported and he was elected to Elders Orders.

Charles E. Mock and John Paul were called; characters passed, their work reported, report of their examinations in second year's studies made, and they were elected to full membership in the Conference. They were called forward, Hymn No. 818 sung, prayer led by the Bishop, who then addressed them, putting to them the usual disciplinary questions.

QUESTION 22.—J. Woodson was granted a supernumerary relation at his own request. P. C. Chaney was called, his character passed, and he continued in the same relation. Thomas Wilson was called, his character passed, and he was granted a supernumerary relation at his own request.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS.—The committee on Conference relations, ordered yesterday, was appointed, with C. A. King, E. L. Wells and C. E. Mock as members.

CLASS OF SECOND YEAR.—Lastie Hoffpauir was called, his character passed, work reported, but not having been before the Board of Examiners, he was continued in the Class of second year.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Rev. W. F. Smith, pastor of Baptist Church, was introduced.

ELECTION TO ORDERS.—Abel Hoffpauir and Gaetano Vital were elected to local deacon's orders, and the latter recommended for admission on trial.

MINUTE FUND.—Subscriptions for publishing the minutes were taken as follows: C. W. Campbell, \$2.00; J. G. Campbell, \$2.50; J. W. Lively, \$2.50; W. R. Chase, \$2.00; J. T. James, \$1.00; F. D. Van Valkenburgh, \$2.00; E. L. Wells, \$2.00; C. E. Mock, \$2.00; W. B. Van Valkenburgh, \$1.00;

John Paul, \$2.00; L. Hoffpauir, \$1.00; H. H. McCain, \$1.00; Geo. A. Pegram, \$1.00; N. L. Sayers, \$1.00; W. H. Curtis, \$1.00; J. A. Christian, \$1.00; C. A. King, \$1.00; S. E. Caruth, \$1.00; W. C. Mann, \$1.00.

CASE REFERRED.—On motion of C. A. King the case of J. L. Wyche was referred to the committee on Conference Relations.

EPWORTH LEAGUES.—On motion of J. G. Campbell each pastor was ordered to report to the next Conference his Epworth Leagues, number of active and number of associate members with the name of the president.

DIVIDEND.—The Bishop announced the Book Concern dividend, \$65, and on motion the draft was ordered.

BOOK CONCERN ACCOUNTS.—Geo. A. Pegram was appointed to collect the accounts of the Book Concern.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.—The following were elected to the Board of Stewards: J. W. Lively, F. D. Van Valkenburgh, J. T. James, C. W. Campbell, C. E. Mock, C. A. King and J. G. Campbell.

Adjourned with benediction by the bishop.

SUNDAY.

The Conference Love Feast was conducted by J. T. James. This was followed by the ordination services, and this by the Bishop's sermon at 11 a. m., from Rom. 1:16.]

FOURTH DAY, MONDAY.

JENNINGS, LA., Jan. 21, 1901.

In connection with the devotional exercises Bishop Warren gave a brief but interesting address on "Paul's Missionary Journey."

Journal of Saturday read and approved.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS.—The committee on Conference relations reported in the case of J. L. Wyche, and on their recommendation he was given supernumerary relation and requested to locate.

MISSIONARY SERMON.—Geo. A. Pegram was appointed to preach the missionary sermon.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.—The following were appointed the Board of Examiners: J. G. Campbell, C. W. Campbell, C. C. Morris, J. T. James, Thomas Wilson, F. D. Van Valkenburgh, M. C. Hickman, Wm. R. Chase.

QUESTION 3rd.—J. W. Tinnin, an elder of the Methodist Protestant Church, was admitted into full connection as an Elder and excused from the course of study.

QUESTION 4th.—Walter E. Harrison, recommended from the Red River Circuit, Gaetano Vital, from the First Italian Church of New Orleans, and James A. Christian from Pienville, were admitted on trial.

DISCONTINUED.—Lastie Hoffpauir was discontinued at his own request.

QUESTION 18.—H. O. Moore was announced as having withdrawn from the ministry and membership of the M. E. Church.

STATISTICS.—The Statistical Secretary made report. Adopted.

TRIERS OF APPEALS.—C. A. King, J. W. Lively, J. W. Tinnin, J. G. Campbell, F. D. Van Valkenburgh, C. C. Morris, and J. T. James were appointed triers of appeals.

ORDERS RECOGNIZED.—The orders of W. B. Van Valkenburgh as Deacon and Elder were recognized.

REPORTS.—F. D. Van Valkenburg read the report of the Temperance Committee. The Presiding Elders were made a committee to select representatives to the Sixth National Anti-Saloon Convention.

Treasurer made report. Adopted.

Auditing committee's report was made by P. J. Robidoux. Adopted.

The committee on Missions made report. Adopted. See report.

Committee on Sabbath Observance made report. Adopted. See report.

The secretary was authorized to edit the reports.

Geo. E. Pegram read report on education. Adopted. See report.

E. O. Ware, State Correspondent of Louisiana Convention of Missionary Baptist Church, was introduced.

C. E. Mock read report on Church Extension. Adopted.

C. A. King read report on Periodicals. Adopted. See report.

J. T. James read report on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society. Adopted. See Report.

N. L. Sayers read report on tracts. Adopted. See report.

W. B. Van Valkenburgh reported his charge.

Adjourned.

FOURTH DAY, MONDAY AFTERNOON.

SECOND SESSION.

Conference opened by scripture reading and prayer by the Bishop.

MINUTES APPROVED.—The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

REPORTS.—Secretary F. D. Van Valkenburgh, of the Board of Stewards, made a report. Fifty dollars was ordered paid to J. Woodson.

W. H. Curtis made report for Epworth League Committee. Adopted.

N. L. Sayers read a report of the Sunday School Committee. Adopted.

EDUCATIONAL FUNDS.—On motion of C. C. King, it was ordered that in case Alvin College be in active operation one year hence, the Educational collections shall go to that institution; otherwise the fund shall go into the general fund of the Educational Society.

SUPERANNUATE FUNDS.—On motion of C. A. King, J. G. and C. W. Campbell were appointed to look after the funds in the hands of I. N. Pardee for the year 1899.

BOOK CONCERN.—On motion of Wm. R. Chase, the pastors were instructed to buy their supplies from the depository at New Orleans.

RESOLUTIONS.—C. C. Morris offered resolutions appreciative of the kind entertainment by the people of Jennings. Also, on expressing our regard for Bishop H. W. Warren.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.—The Board of Church Extension was appointed: Pastor of Lake Charles, President; E. Hammond, Vice-President; C. A. King, Secretary; other members, Pastor of Jennings, S. A. Knapp, Willis Weber, C. W. Campbell; presiding elders, ex-officio.

The Bishop was requested to appoint C. A. King financial agent for Alvin College.

NEXT SESSION.—Lake Charles, Jennings and Marshall were nominated for the next session. On taking the vote Lake Charles was chosen.

M. C. Hickman was announced as transferred from the Wisconsin Conference.

The Journal was read and approved; Hymn No. 816 was sung; the appointments were read, and the Conference stood adjourned *sine die*.

H. W. WARREN, President.

C. W. CAMPBELL, Secretary.

Certificate of Ordination.

This certifies that in Jennings, La., on the 20th day of January, 1901, I ordained Gaetano Vital and Abel Hoffpawir as deacons; and, by aid of the elders present, Charles C. Morris, Elder in the Church of God.

Signed,

H. W. Warren.

Resolutions.

We, the members and probationers of the Gulf Mission Conference, desire to express our gratitude to our beloved Bishop, H. W. Warren, for his careful and thoughtful administration of our present session.

We further desire to say that his presentation of scriptural truth, his exegesis and comments on the word, have proven a blessing and an inspiration to us.

Resolved, That this Conference pray the blessings of God on our beloved Bishop, and that the Lord may long preserve him as a useful and honored servant of our great church.

WM. R. CHASE,
J. W. LIVELY,
J. A. CHRISTIAN.

Resolved, That we, as a Conference, very greatly appreciate the hospitality of the people of Jennings who have so royally ministered to our comforts and pleasure during the Conference Session, the remembrance of which will ever be pleasant to us. As a Conference we most heartily pray that God's richest blessing may rest upon them.

C. C. MORRIS.

Resolved, That we, as a Conference, express our great appreciation of the able administration and fatherly advice of our beloved Bishop H. W. Warren, and will most gladly welcome him to our Conference at any time.

C. C. MORRIS.

Reports of Committees.

EDUCATION.

The Methodist movement began in a university. It inherited scholarly instincts. The same General Conference that organized the church made provision for the founding of a college. The Christian college has always been the handmaid of the Gospel. Far from opposing, Christianity has always fostered light and learning, and Christian schools have always developed with the establishment of the church. The church converts sinners, the schools educate the Christian. Methodism is doing efficient work in the South now, and our church work would be greatly strengthened by a good Christian school. Your committee recommend the appointment of C. A. King, C. E. Mock and F. D. Van Valkenburgh to meet with a similar committee from the Austin Conference with full power to act. We also recommend that C. A. King be appointed Financial Agent of Alvin College.

G. A. PEGRAM,
J. A. CHRISTIAN,
J. T. JAMES.

MISSIONS.

Our church is called on to shelter and provide a home for the thousands of humble poor in this great Southwest and around the world. With proper adjustment and loyal devotion on the part of our people and preachers she will be used of God as the evangelizing agency of this part of the country. The Gulf Mission Conference holds the key to the situation; to accomplish the work, we must faithfully disseminate information concerning missions by preaching on the subject, distributing missionary literature, forming our Sunday Schools into Missionary Societies, forming auxiliaries to the W. H. M. S., observing Easter as missionary day and taking collections in all our congregations.

J. W. LIVELY,
WM. R. CHASE.

PERIODICALS.

Our church has no sympathy with ignorance. It has its great publishing houses, papers and periodicals. Her literature, papers and Sunday School supplies are of the best published and the profits derived are applied to holy uses. We therefore recognize our interests and duty as a Conference to promote to the uttermost these interests of our own.

We specially approve the action of the last General Confer-

ence in merging the Omaha and Rocky Mountain Advocates with the Central, making it one of the strongest and best for the family and we recommend it to our people.

The Epworth Herald and its management meets our hearty approval, and we urge its support upon our young people.

C. A. KING,
JOHN PAUL.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Our Conference has raised for this cause up to Nov.
1, 1900.....\$659
Collections this year..... 159
Thirteen churches within our bounds have received aid
amounting to \$2,700 in donations and \$1,725 in loans.
For the ensuing year we are asked to raise by collections...\$224
Our needy churches may receive..... 720

C. E. MOCK,
G. A. PEGRAM.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

We express gratification for the advancement of the Epworth League during the past year in our Conference. We realize the need of stalwart young Christian men and women to aid in this glorious work. We recommend the organization of a chapter wherever possible and the devotion of an evening each week to the study of the Word, prayer and special instruction by the pastor in the different branches of league work. Our ideal is a consecrated pastor and Epworth League standing shoulder to shoulder, resulting in the conversion of sinners and the sanctification of believers.

C. C. MORRIS,
W. H. CURTIS.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The total Sunday School population of the United States is more than 12,000,000, of whom there are in the M. E. Church over 31,000 schools with more than 2,600,000 scholars. We believe our own literature the best for the purpose that can be obtained, and we urge our pastors and presiding elders everywhere to see that it is used in our schools.

We recommend that a home department be established wherever practicable.

Inasmuch as the Sunday School Union of our church aids

every year about 3,500 needy schools with literature and has no resources except the collection in churches, we urge that an offering be given for this cause in all our charges. We advise that each member of the school give as a thank offering one cent for each year of his age.

P. J. ROBIDOUX,
E. L. WELLS,
N. L. SAYERS.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

The old time prejudices of our Southland towards this work are fast passing away. Heaven and this part of the earth are coming to think and feel more nearly together about this matter. How beautiful in this country are the fine institutions of learning for these poor classes. How greatly hath God wrought through our own church in this matter in the more than twelve millions expended in the South. Every dollar we raise in our work for this purpose, helps to work some of the glory of the Master into our lives. Every dollar raised in the South for this work helps to bring back the healing love of Heaven to this land. The chairman of this committee has never forgotten the sweet inward approval of the Master, when in 1896, he gave a hundred dollars and secured four hundred dollars from the Freedmen's Bureau at Richmond, to build the first church and school house for this people in the section of Northern Virginia where he was raised. May we all help the darkness to flee away before the coming morn of the New Jerusalem.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. JAMES,
C. C. MORRIS,
WM. H. CURTIS.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

With profound gratitude to our Heavenly Father for providing His creatures one day in seven in which to rest from our secular employments and to worship Him; yet it is with sorrow we see this Holy day set at naught by corporations, by individuals, and ever at our nation's capitol. If this wholesale desecration of the day were confined to the worldly, it might not seem so strong, but the defection has grown until many of those professing to be Christians and examples to the world of the mind of Christ are using the day as a more convenient day on which to travel and transact business. We recommend that our preachers emphasize more the importance of observing the day

aright, and so arrest this evil before its demoralizing influences bring to us more destructive results than those already experienced.

E. L. WELLS,
P. J. ROBIDOUX,
N. L. SAYERS.
Committee.

TRACTS.

Our Tract Society circulates literature in at least twelve languages in our country alone, and in more than twenty in foreign lands. Every year it gives away 11,000,000 pages of tracts in the United States, besides sending \$10,000 annually to our mission stations for aid in the publication and circulation of religious literature. During the past year it has distributed tracts to the soldiers in nearly all our camps; to the sailors and marines wherever access could be obtained; to the prisons and public institutions throughout the land wherever application was made; and to thousands of pastors for circulation in their charges.

Inasmuch as the Tract Society needs the sum of \$50,000 per year, in order to carry on its work throughout the world, we urge a collection for it in every charge. And as each pastor who makes application, may receive free, tracts to half the amount of his last collection, we hope the pastors will more generally take advantage of this generous offer.

We find, by personal experience, that in many localities the tract is almost the only effective way of reaching the people with the Gospel, and would, therefore, recommend a more prayerful use of this weapon of the church, and we pledge ourselves to do our best to sustain this important cause.

P. J. ROBIDOUX,
E. L. WELLS,
N. L. SAYERS.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We are more than ever convinced of the degrading, demoralizing and damning nature of the American Saloon. Having its origin in the fertile active brain of his Satanic Majesty, it confronts us as the mightiest agency for the ruin of our Christian civilization that exists in our country today.

If resolutions and anathemas could have exterminated it, no doubt it would long since have been banished from our midst, but rhetoric and elocution affect this giant evil about as much as

Chinese Gongs and Tom Toms affect European or American armies as they rush to the attack, armed with long range rifles and rapid firing cannon.

Your committee is not disposed to enter into any criticisms of methods heretofore employed, not to map out any special plans for its extermination, but we do urge that we do all in our power to influence our people everywhere, to "vote as they pray," and to follow their votes by a constant and determined effort to see good laws enacted and enforced, looking to the complete overthrow and annihilation of the liquor traffic.

We are glad to see an effort is being made to change from our method of celebrating our National holiday, into one more worthy of a rational and Christian people, and we recommend a hearty co-operation in their efforts in this direction.

We submit, for your adoption, the following resolution:

Resolved, That, since the almost universal custom of celebrating the Fourth of July is neither sensible, rational nor Christian, but rather uncivilized, not to say barbaric, involving much waste and needless expense, and at the same time endangering property and life, and, also, being devoid of any really intelligent, moral or patriotic inspiration or influence, we will, from this time henceforth, do all in our power to induce our churches, Epworth Leagues, and other Young People's Societies, and our Sunday Schools, to celebrate our national birthday in a truly patriotic and Christian manner in the interest and for the promotion of the Temperance Reform; and, further, we recommend that, so far as practicable, on the Sunday immediately preceding the Fourth of July, all our pastors preach a sermon upon the wise, patriotic, temperance and Christian celebration of our great National Anniversary.

F. D. VAN VALKENBURGH.

SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

To amount from former Secretary	\$	50	
To Subscriptions paid		23	80
To Advertising.....		9	50
			\$33 80
By Printing Minutes	\$24	00	
By Postage and Expressage	5	00	
By Expenses on Trunk	2	25	
By Examination Committee's Supplies	1	00	
By Stationery	1	05	\$33 30
On hand.....			.50

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATION.

Marshall and Red River District.....	\$ 275
Athens.....	50
Atlanta and Bivens.....	60
Auburn and Smithdale.....	100
Beulah and Red River.....	50
Clayton and Beckville.....	50
Emory.....	50
Hortense.....	60
Noonday and Overton.....	60
Pineville.....	50
Provencal.....	100
State Line.....	50
Vivian.....	45
Winsboro.....	60
Woodville.....	100
Wynn.....	50

Total \$1200

New Orleans District.....	\$ 100
St. Charles Avenue.....	400
Lutcher.....	60

Total \$ 560

Italian Work.....	1200
French Work.....	150

Totals \$1910

Lake Charles District.....	\$ 175
Ebenezer.....	100
Iowa and Fenton.....	50
La Porte.....	75
Oberlin.....	50
Raymond.....	40
Welsh.....	150

Total \$ 640

French Work.....	438
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Totals..... \$1078

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your Auditing Committee begs to say that we have examined the Presiding Elders' accounts and find them correct.

We have also examined the Secretary's accounts and find them to tally with his receipts.

P. J. ROBIDOUX,
Chairman.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.

We have received by draft \$65 ; from the regular collections, \$17. Total, \$82

Fifty dollars was ordered paid to Julian Woodson—for his relief. No report has yet been received from the committee appointed by the last Annual Conference to see as to funds due this Board from the estate of I. N. Pardee.

F. D. VAN VALKENBURGH,
Secretary.

Local Preachers.

W.C. Aytes, Greenville, Tex.	Drauzin Luneau, Center Point, La.
J.M. Black, Hallville, Tex.	Lewis May, Hughes Springs, Tex.
Bird Black, Hallville, Tex.	J. A. Matirne, Rosedale, La.
G.W. Campbell, Shelbyville, Tex.	W.C. Mann, Woodville, Tex.
W.W. Chandler, " "	H. E. McWilliams, Greenville, Tex.
G.R. Cappedge, Coffeyville, "	A. Plummer, High Island, Tex.
J.F. Denning, Troupe, Tex.	Sam'l Petty, Harleton, Tex.
V.E. Edwards, " "	J. F. Ross, LE., Jennings, La.
James Ellis, Roanoke, La.	C. C. Sullivan, LE., Shelbyville, Tex.
Henry Faulk, Ebenezer, La.	Newton Shows, Lottie, Tex.
S. N. Gregory, Jacksonville, Tex.	W. S. Timmons, Clayton, Tex.
Lastie Hoffpauir, Rayne, La.	W. B. Van Valkenburgh, LE., Oberlin, La.
H. R. Hughes, LD., Hughes Springs, Tex.	
Abel Hoffpauir, LD., Indian Bayou, La.	
J. M. Kenna, Summit, Miss.	

The above is probably very incomplete. Below we give the names of the other Conference members, so far as known, residing within our bounds:

- C. T. Barkuloo, La Porte, Tex., Minnesota Conference.
- P. A. Drown, Jennings, La, Central Ohio Conference.
- Jason Gallup, Roanoke, La., Des Moines, Iowa, Conference.
- A. Wilkinson, Lake Charles, La., Indiana Conference.

Historical.

In the Spring of 1888 Bishop Mallalieu appointed Rev. W. H. Cline, of the South West Kansas Conference, to take charge of the Lake Charles Region, with Rev. W. P. McLaughlin, of the New Orleans Mission District of the Louisiana Conference, as his Presiding Elder. During the first year Bro. Cline organized classes at Welsh, Brown School House (Now Raymond), and opened up preaching places at several other points. The next year at the session of the Louisiana Conference, Bishop Fitzgerald, without consulting him, transferred Bro. Cline and appointed him Presiding Elder of Lake Charles District. The following year he organized charges at Lake Charles, Welsh, Jennings, Crowley and Baldwin. Welsh included Evangeline, Fathergill School House, and Fenton School House, while Crowley included Ebenezer and Prairie Hayes.

During the following years, until 1894, Lake Charles District remained a part of the Louisiana Conference, with Bro. Cline as Presiding Elder. He earned his support by giving half his time to editorial work and half to the church, drawing simply his traveling expenses from the church.

In 1892 he attended the session of the General Conference held in Omaha, and by his efforts secured the separation of the white work from the Louisiana Conference, and its organization into the Gulf Mission, said organization being affected Jan. 20, 1893, at Jennings.

Previous work under Bro. Cline enabled the Mission to begin with seven charges, ten Sunday Schools, four churches and two parsonages, with 419 members and probationers. A good, spiritual condition is said to have existed throughout the work.

The enrollment of the first Session shows the names of L. F. Abernathy, W. H. Cline, P. A. Drown, C. A. King, J. W. Mougey, P. J. Robidonx, Logan Rogers, A. Wilkinson and C. K. Woodson, with Wm. Shepherd as local preacher. C. K. Woodson was elected Secretary, holding that office seven years. C. A. King was appointed Superintendent. The next year the names of P. C. Chaney, R. J. Crawford, S. E. Pendleton and E. L. Wells appear on the roll.

In 1897 the Mission was organized by Bishop Walden into a Mission Conference, with seven members, a church membership of 932 and 104 probationers, eight churches, two parsonages and \$389 reported for the benevolent collections. Bro. King was appointed as Presiding Elder, holding that position till the Session of 1900.

The next year several of the charges now on the Marshall

X P. A. Drown

District appeared for the first time, and at the Session of 1898, held in Crowley, that District was formed, with J. W. Lively as Presiding Elder. The growth of this District now extends from the sunrise in Mississippi to within a hundred miles of Sunset, in Texas, and threatens to include the whole Southland.

The transfer by the General Conference of 1900 of the New Orleans Central District, from the Louisiana to the Gulf Mission Conference, brought to us our oldest charge. Ames Chapel (now St. Charles Avenue church), has a history reaching back to 1865, when, on Christmas day, Bishop Thompson organized the Mississippi Mission. H. G. Jackson was, at that Conference, elected and ordained deacon, and appointed to the work in New Orleans. June 7, 1866, corporation papers were executed by the first Board of Trustees. Meetings were held in a small and inconvenient hall, and during a part of the year the name of A. C. McDonald appears as pastor of the church.

The next year, 1867, the lot on the corner of St. Charles and Calliope streets was purchased and the contract let for the building of the church that still stands. The lot cost ten thousand dollars and the church thirty-six thousand. The conference of 1866 appointed Rev. Dr. J. P. Newman, afterwards Bishop, to the charge, so that he really stands as its first pastor. During all these years this church has been one of the most important evangelistic centers of the South. Its membership has never been large, but its history has been replete as an evangelizing agency. Seventeen pastors, including some of the greatest men of the connection, such as Bishop Newman, named above, Bishop Hartzell, Dr. A. A. Johnson and other strong men have served the work.

The district was organized in 1887 with W. P. McLaughlin as Presiding Elder. As it now stands it includes work among the French, Italian and English-speaking people of the city and vicinity.

PLAN OF EXAMINATIONS, 1901-2.

EXAMINERS.	FOR ADMISSION.	FIRST YEAR.	SECOND YEAR.	THIRD YEAR.	FOURTH YEAR.
J. G. Campbell.....	Merrill.....	Hill's Rhetoric.	Logic.....	Sermon.....	
C. W. Campbell.....	Syllabi English Branches. Sermon & Essay	Harman.....	Harman.....	Terry.....	Syllabi.....
Wm. R. Chase.....	Beers.....	Miley.....	Miley.....	Ladd.....	Smyth.....
M. C. Hickman.....	Plain Account....	Broadus.....	Broadus.....	Buckley.....	Fairbanks...
J. T. James.....	Life of Wesley....	Foster.....	Essay.....	Stewart.....	
C. C. Morris.....	Nast's Catechism. Stevens	Syllabi.....	Syllabi Discipline....	Warren.....	Warren.....
F. D. Van Valkenburgh..	Montgomery.....	Discipline.....	Wheeler.....	Syllabi.....	Essay.....
J. Woodson.....	Smith.....	Sermon.....	Fisher.....	Hurst.....	Hurst.....

All work is to be done in writing in the presence of witnesses. Examiners will specify on what part of each book to be read the Syllabi shall be prepared. Arrangements will be made for mid-year examinations through the Chairman. Candidates expecting to pass must be at the seat of Conference one whole day before Conference convenes.

C. W. CAMPBELL, Registrar,
Welsh, La.

J. G. CAMPBELL, Chairman,
Lake Charles, La.

Gulf Mission Conference.
Statistics for 1900-1901

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

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MARSHALL DISTRICT.

Atlanta.....		40	1	1	1	3	5	1	\$ 350	\$ 30	J. Woodson	\$ 216	\$ 20	\$ 236	\$ 151	\$ 20	\$ 171	\$ 65	12	\$ 1	\$ 184	\$ 12	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 2		
Beckville and Clayton..		96	2	1	1	1	\$ 450	100	W. T. Timmons.....	50	50	50	50	10	1	61	\$ 1	10	\$ 5	3	3	2		
Hughes Springs.....	12	124	4	1	4	1	3	13	100	1	800	40 \$ 75	Jno. Paul.....	197	48	245	200	48	248	20	2	270	4	8	12	8	8	6	\$ 2	\$ 5	\$ 2	
Livonia.....	5	59	2	1	13	2	4	12	70	3	600	....	385	W. S. Sayers.....	....	....	....	150	25	175	....	18	1	194	1	... 12	5	....	5	3	1	....	2	....	....	....	....	\$ 8	....		
Marshall.....	3	50	3	....	3	2	1	12	90	....	1	1500	....	B. G. Hines	400	....	400	400	....	400	....	40	4	444	....	84	56	15	9	24	10	2	\$ 2	....	8	\$ 2	....	\$ 46	26
Mississippi Work.....		57	....	2	....	....	2	11	....	....	....	....	....	J. S. James.....	151	....	151	147	....	147	4	22	3	172	3	4	4	11	....	11	8	1	....	5	....	3	....	....	....
Overtown and Noonday..	7	87	7	....	2	....	1	3	15	2	600	....	....	J. A. Christian	132	....	132	42	....	42	90	6	1	49	....	24	5	....	....	....	3	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....
Pineville.....	3	29	1	....	3	....	2	12	60	....	....	....	....	G. W. Bruce.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Provencal.....		19	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	H. O. Moore.....	375	25	400	264	25	289	110	40	4	333	....	32	45	15	....	15	11	4	....	....	....	28	38	....			
Shelbyville.....		279	3	2	1	....	5	27	247	4	4000	....	150	J. F. Ragsdale	60	....	60	60	....	60	....	10	1	71	....	12	4	....	4	3	1	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....
State Line.....	4	45	2	1	....	....	1	8	60	....	....	....	....	C. E. Mock.....	250	15	265	199	15	214	51	23	2	239	2	25	10	7	....	7	5	1	....	3	....	....	....	....	....
West Harrison.....			H. H. McCain.....	261	120	381	261	120	381	16	1	398	4	4	1	1	1	21		
Woodville and Hortense	4	189	2	3	6	10	5	20	175	1	500	1	200																													
Wynn.....	1	50	2	....	1	1	2	6	24	....	....	....	....																									
Total.....	39	1124	29	10	34	16	28	127	847	12	6750	3	2050	630	225	30	2095	228	2320	1924	253	2177	320	217	21	2415	11	199	161	77	9	86	53	14	3	26	2	6	74	93

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

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